Status of Implementation of recommendations contained in the Sixty-Seventh Report of the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology

THE MINISTERY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHARY MOHAN JATUA) : Sir, I make a Statement regarding status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Sixty-seventh Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology.

...(Interruptions)...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : There is a small legislative business with regard to withdrawal of a Bill...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU (Karnataka) : No, no. No legislative business. ..*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The Government is making a statement...*(Interruptions)*... As promised in response to your demand, the Home Minister has come to make a statement...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD VAISHYA (Assam) : Sir, in Assam...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Please speak after this...*(Interruptions)*

Clarifying the issue of Leakage of the Liberhan Commission Report in the Media and Press

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, the Government has noticed that today a newspaper carries a new story relating to the report of the Liberahan Commission. The Liberahan Commission submitted its report on June 30, 2009. The Government is required to lay the Report on the Table of both Houses of Parliament, along with the action taken report, within six months from that date. The Government has already announced its intention to lay the report, along with an ATR, before the Parliament in the Winter Session. Given the Government's intention to lay the Report within stipulated time, it is unfortunate that a newspaper has published what purports to be the contents of the Reports. For reasons, which are obvious, I refrain from commenting on the correctness, or, otherwise on the contents of the new story. I can assure the House, Sir, that there is only one copy of the Liberahan Report with the Ministry of Home Affairs; and, it is in the safe custody. No one from the Ministry of Home Affairs has spoken to any journalist about the report. I reiterate the Government's intention to lay the Report before the Parliament, along with an ATR, in the current session...*(Interruptions)*

श्री उपसभापति : प्लीज आप बैठिए। ..**(व्यवधान)**... Please sit down...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU (Karnataka) : Then, how did it leak out? ...*(Interruptions)*...